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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Memorandum of Conversation

EXCISE

DATE: January 29, 1962

SUBJECT: Proposed German Revision in Memorandum to be handed
Gromyko by Thompson.

PARTICIPANTS: GERMANY

UNITED STATES

Dr. Schnippenkoetter

Mr. Hillenbrand

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Dr. Schnippenkoetter said that the Embassy had just received instructions from the Foreign Office

Mr. Hillenbrand noted this possible objection to the language in question had been seriously considered, but on balance it was decided to retain "West Berlin" in the sentence. This seemed desirable for several reasons: (a) the Soviets claim that one of the effects of their signing a separate peace treaty with the GDR would be automatically to end the Western occupation of West Berlin; (b) the Soviets were now claiming a right to have Soviet troops in West Berlin along with "token forces" of the Western Powers after signature of the peace treaty. Moreover, Mr. Hillenbrand pointed out, the language did not deny that there was a four power status of the city based upon the London Agreements of 1943-1944, but merely that the Soviets had no occupation rights in West Berlin or over Western access thereto which they could give away to the GDR.

Dr. Schnippenkoetter

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